

Patient information leaflet

Tropicamide (1%) eye drops

Why do I need drops in my eyes?

The drops will make your pupils wider than normal allowing for a better view of the back of the eye.

What will I notice?

Drops take 15 to 30 minutes to work, but the effects will last for up to **six hours**, making activities such as driving, cycling or using heavy machinery hazardous.

You are strongly advised not to drive a motor vehicle or operate machinery for at least four hours or while your vision is still affected

Are there any side effects?

Having large pupils make you more sensitive to light, especially if it is sunny and your vision might be blurred.

Very rarely, the drops can cause a sudden rise in the pressure within the eye. This is recognised by:

- **Pain or severe discomfort in or around the eye**
- **Marked redness of the white of the eye**
- **Worsening or persistent blurred vision a few hours after being screened**

If you have any of these symptoms you should go to an Accident and Emergency Department, and take this note with you